

THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 27:27-50; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 19

Introduction: The cross of Jesus Christ is on Church buildings, worn around necks, hangs from ear lobes, tattooed on bodies, in grave yards, etc. The whole world has seen a cross but not everybody knows the history of the cross of Jesus. It represents His death. Christmas for the Christian is about the birth of Jesus Christ. Easter for the Christian is about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus Christ had eternal importance for humanity.

I. THE DEATH OF JESUS IS ONE OF THE MAIN THEMES IN SCRIPTURE

1. The prophets of Israel repeated what God had told them about the ONE to come.
2. The Old Testament sacrificial system pointed to the coming sacrifice of Jesus.
3. There are over 175 references in the Old Testament to Jesus' coming death.
4. The Old Testament prophets were very interested in the salvation to come.
5. The angels were interested in the salvation provided by Jesus' death.
6. During the transfiguration of Jesus, the topic discussed by Jesus and the heavenly ones present was His coming death.
7. The topic of worship and song in heaven is the death of Jesus.

II. HIS DEATH WAS NEEDED

1. God planned Jesus' death before the foundation of the earth.
2. God's plans and the Old Testament prophecies needed to be fulfilled.
3. There was no other plan of salvation for mankind that would work.
4. Jesus obeyed the Heavenly Father's will and His plan for all mankind.

III. CONCERNING JESUS' DEATH

1. It was a separation from God the Father while on the cross.
2. It was a separation of the Spirit from the body.
3. It was voluntary. Jesus could have come down from the cross.
4. It was vicarious. Jesus sympathetically participated in man's redemption.

5. It was sacrificial. The innocent's blood for the guilty is God's way.
6. It was substitutionary. Jesus took the punishment for our (man's) sins from God.
7. It provided redemption for mankind. There was no other way.
8. It was propitiatory. Man's faith plus Jesus' blood appeases, satisfies God.

IV. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR NON-BELIEVERS (MANKIND)

1. It provides salvation and forgiveness for ALL who will take it.

V. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR BELIEVERS

1. He saved them from the curse of the law.
2. He secured for them forgiveness.
3. He justified them in God's eyes.
4. He saved them from God's wrath.
5. He provided new life for them (being born again, into God's Family).
6. They are sanctified, set apart for God's use.
7. They are adopted as children of God.
8. They are reconciled to God, brought back into God's Grace.
9. They are cleansed by His blood, their sins erased.
10. They have eternal life with Jesus Christ in Heaven.

VI. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR SATAN AND HIS DEMONS

1. They have been defeated.
2. They have been condemned to the Lake of Fire for all eternity.

VII. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR THE UNIVERSE

1. All things everywhere have been put under the authority of Jesus

VIII. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR HIMSELF

1. Jesus went back to His former Glory and Home in Heaven.
2. He has been exalted above all, anywhere.
3. He had the joy of bringing man and God back together again forever.

IX. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH FOR GOD, THE FATHER

1. It revealed just how much God, the Father really loves us.
2. It revealed just how much God, the Father hates sin.
3. At last, God, the Father has His earthly family with Him for all eternity.

X. THE RESULT OF JESUS' DEATH WAS FINAL

1. There is no more need for a sacrifice for man's sins. Never - ever. Salvation is complete.

CONCLUSION:

1. If God, the heavenly Father, gave His Son for sinners - what do you think He has for those who believe in His Son?
2. It is beyond human conception as to what God has waiting for His Children when everyone gets to the home that's being prepared for them.
3. The cross, the death, God's love, Jesus' sacrifice. What more could/can God do for us?